

CHAPTER 319

AN ACT to amend 66.29 (2) of the statutes, relating to bidder's proof of responsibility in public works contracts.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

66.29 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.29 (2) Every municipality, board or public body upon all contracts subject to this section in excess of \$10,000 shall, before delivering any form for bid proposals, *plans and specifications* pertaining thereto to any person, *excepting material men, suppliers and others not intending to submit a direct bid*, require such person to submit a full and complete statement sworn to before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths, of financial ability, equipment, experience in the work prescribed in said public contract, and of such other matters as the municipality, board, public body or officer thereof may require for the protection and welfare of the public in the performance of any public contract; * * * such statement shall be in writing on a standard form of a questionnaire as adopted for such use by the municipality, board or public body or officer thereof, to be furnished by such municipality, board, public body or officer thereof * * * . *Such statement shall be filed in the manner and place designated by the municipality, board, public body or such officer thereof * * * . Such statements shall not be received less than 5 days prior to the time set for opening of bids. The contents of said statements shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except upon the written order of such person furnishing the same, or for necessary use by the public body in qualifying such person, or in cases of action against, or by such person or municipality. * * * The governing body of the municipality or such committee, board or employe as is charged with the duty of receiving bids and awarding contracts or to whom the governing body has delegated the power shall properly evaluate the sworn statements filed relative to financial ability, equipment and experience in the work prescribed * * * and shall find the maker of such statement either qualified or unqualified. This subsection shall not apply to cities of the first class.*

Approved July 5, 1957.